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CONGREGATIONAL-CHRISTIAN and EVANGELICAL & REFORMED UNITING CONVOCATION, June 25-27

Disciples Call to Prayer

Indianapolis. Churches of Disciples of Christ have been called to offer prayer on Sunday, June 23, on behalf of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical & Reformed Church as they meet in Cleveland to form a United Church of Christ.

The Council on Christian Unity, which issued the Call, was asked by the Des Moines Assembly of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ "to explore the possibilities of our sharing in this growing body of unity."

At the invitation of the uniting churches a delegation of Disciples will be present for the uniting ceremonies. These will include Hampton Adams of New York, George Walker Buckner, Gaines M. Cook and A. Dale Fiers of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Russell Putnam of Cleveland.

The Council on Christian Unity, through its executive committee urged that prayers of thanksgiving be offered on June 23, not only on behalf of our fellow-Christians coming together in the United Church of Christ, but also for all sincere efforts to express more fully the oneness of the church for which Christ prayed.

A suggested call to worship and prayer for use on June 23, was prepared by Prof. G. Edwin Osborn of the Phillips University Graduate Seminary.

"But ye are come unto Mount Zion and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumberable company of angels, to the general assembly and the church of the first-born, which are written in Heaven." (Hebrews 12:22-23a).

ETERNAL GOD, whose Spirit ever brings order into nature and harmony among men: We praise Thee for the growing sentiment of unity pervading the churches. All glory be to Thee for Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have access to Thee and who reconciled us all in one body through His cross.

WE THANK Thee for all groups of Christians who, by patience, understanding, and a sincere desire to bring about the unity of Thy people for which our Lord on the night of His anguish prayed, have come together into a united fellowship. Especially we thank Thee for our sister communions, the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical & Reformed Church, as they meet today to consummate their long and eagerly sought union in the United Church of Christ.

WE PRAY for an increased devotion to the oneness of the Church on the part of all Christian bodies now separated by varied circumstances that they may the more earnestly strive to draw nearer to Thee and to each other in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace.

HELP those of us whose heritage has been concern for the reconciliation of the churches, and hasten the day when we, too, shall share in the united church. Forgive us the sectarian attitudes, deliberate or unwitting on our part, that perpetuate divisions in Thy church. Enable us, with all Thy separated peoples, to grow in love toward one another which is the mark of discipleship until we all are one as Thou, Father, art in Christ, and He in Thee, that we may be one in Him that the world may believe, that thy name may be glorified, and that Thy kingdom may be realized, world without end. Amen.

(Included with this *NEWSLETTER* is Background information on the forthcoming *UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.*)

ECUMENICAL FELLOWSHIPS

A fund for ecumenical fellowships has been established by the Irwin-Sweeney-Miller Foundation, Columbus, Indiana. The fund will provide one scholarship each year for a Disciple minister or layman to study at the Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies, near Geneva, Switzerland. The Graduate School term runs from October 5 to February 15. Fellows receiving the award will also be able to study special concerns such as church renewal, refugee or social problems, laymen's work, or inter-church aid by travels to areas involved.

The first Fellowship is expected to be awarded for the 1957-58 term.

McCALLUM TO MARRY

Malcolm McCallum, Disciple fraternal worker among Palestinian refugees in Egypt and representative of Church World Service, will be married to Miss Faith Edith Hamilton, a missionary from Nampa, Ida., on July 5 in Cairo. Mr. and Mrs. McCallum will return to the United States sometime in August. Mr. McCallum has been awarded the Benjamin Wisner Bacon Fellowship to study at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California.

Mr. McCallum's work in Egypt has been supported through Week of Compassion.

FAITH & ORDER INSTITUTE, SCHOOL OF RELIGION, BUTLER UNIVERSITY INDIANAPOLIS—July 2-19, 1957

There will be a Faith and Order Institute on the NATURE OF THE UNITY WE SEEK to be held at the Butler School of Religion. This Institute is planned with principal reference to the Oberlin Conference to be held in September.

Courses will be offered for academic credit as follows:

The Nature of the Unity We Seek in the Perspective of the Faith and Order History by Canon Oliver S. Tomkins, London, England. Canon Tomkins is former secretary of the Faith and Order Commission.

The Nature of the Unity We Seek in World Perspective by Prof. V. E. Devadutt, Serampore, W. Bengal, India, now teaching at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; Bishop A. W. Howells, from Nigeria; and Dr. Heinrich G. Renkewitz of the Evangelical Akademie, Arnoldshain, Germany. Each of these professors will be at the Institute one week.

The Nature of the Unity We Seek—Its Implication for Disciples by Prof. Ronald E. Osborn, School of Religion, Butler University, Indianapolis.

The School of Religion made available scholarships for twenty ministers and laymen who are members of the Council on Christian Unity. The Institute is also open to students.

Scholarship awards went to: R. Powell Mead, Terre Haute; F. E. Davison, South Bend; F. W. Burnham, Richmond, Va.; John Paul Pack, Seattle, Wash.; Chas. Nelson, St. Elmo, Ill.; Mrs. E. G. Haley, Abbyville, Kan.; Joe Belcastro, Columbus, O.; Carl Hall, Perry, Iowa; B. Frank Cron, Riverside, Calif.; J. Howard Nichols, Murray, Ky.; Robert D. Chambless, Russellville, Ark.; Howard O. Wakelin, Canada; Chas. E. Madinger, Tucson, Ariz.; Mary Ellen LaRue, Lexington, Ky.; Roger T. Nooe, Nashville, Tenn.; Jack E. Sanders, Alva, Okla.; and Roy Whitton, Canada.

OBERLIN FAITH and ORDER CONFERENCE

Lin D. Cartwright, editor of the Christian Evangelist, Saint Louis; Ian McCrea, minister of education at University Christian Church, Des Moines, Iowa; and Irvin E. Lunger, dean of Transylvania College, Lexington, Kentucky, have been named by the International Convention of Disciples of Christ as delegates to the Faith and Order conference to be held in Oberlin, Ohio, September 2-10.

These delegates are in addition to the twelve named at the Des Moines Assembly. The additional places were allotted when some of the smaller church bodies failed to make appointments.

Announcement has been made also that Parker Rossman, National Director of Student Work for The United Christian Missionary Society has been named a delegate to Oberlin in the place of Robert G. Nelson of the Society's Africa department. Mr. Nelson will be in Africa at the time of the conference.

In addition to the four named above, the Disciple delegation of fifteen will include Robert Tobias, Indianapolis, chairman; Hampton Adams, New York; W. B. Blakemore, Chicago; Halbert E. Gulley, Urbana, Illinois; A. T. DeGroot, Ft. Worth; Stephen J. England, Enid, Oklahoma; John E. McCaw, Des Moines; Mrs. George Earle Owen, Indianapolis; John Paul Pack, Seattle; and R. Frederick West, Raleigh, N. D.

The Oberlin conference committee has also coopted a number of Disciples who will serve as consultants. Among these are Perry E. Gresham, Bethany, West Virginia; Virgil Lowder, Houston, Texas; Ronald E. Osborn, Indianapolis; Roy G. Ross, New York; and Mrs. James Wyker, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

WYKER WRITES FROM EAST PAKISTAN

"I have written five short stories so that the natives can read and work in discussion groups, getting ready to form cooperatives in their Christian communities. In Christian villages about one out of ten can read; in other villages only one out of twenty.

"The church, which I visited last Saturday through Monday, is a rough shed. The dirt floor was covered with about 30 USA relief rice bags which the women had opened up and sewed together by hand. Bengalis sit Ghandi style at home, school and church."

Mr. Wyker's work is also supported through Week of Compassion.

SUMMER COURSES ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE Bossey, Switzerland

Vacation Course for Laymen—July 10-20, 1957. *CHRISTIAN LIVING IN A CHANGING WORLD.*

The course will be opened by a lecture presenting the *claim of Christ over the world, the apostolate of the Christian community and the place of the layman within it.*

Courses for Theological Students, July 24-August 14, 1957. *CHRISTIAN SUBJECTION.* Under this heading ways in which Christianity can be considered to be either rightly or wrongly subject to the world.

Bible study for both the laymen's and the theological student's courses will be directed by Mlle Suzanne de Dietrich. (Mlle Dietrich was formerly a member of the staff of the Institute and the World's Student Christian Federation. There will also be talks on the work of the World Council of Churches by members of the staff insofar as they are available.)

The general chairmanship of the course will be in the hands of the Rev. Dr. Robert S. Paul, Associate Director of the Institute.

REGIONAL ECUMENICAL INSTITUTES PLANNED IN FOUR CENTERS

Ecumenical Institutes bringing bodies from all parts of the world will be held in American cities this summer.

The Institutes are sponsored by the U. S. Conference for the World Council of Churches in cooperation with some thirty American Seminaries. Local and State Councils of Churches are also cooperating.

The institutes, five days in length, will feature lectures and forums on current life and thought in the ecumenical movement, particularly as related to the local parish. Several hundred ministers and laymen and women are expected to participate.

BOSTON AREA

Time: July 8-12.

Place: Boston University School of Theology.

Leaders: Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, General Secretary, World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland.*

Metropolitan James of Melita, representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchates of Constantinople, and the Patriarchates of Jerusalem, Antioch and Alexandria to the World Council of Churches; Dr. J. Russell Chandran, Principal of the United Theological College, Bangalore, India; Dr. Leslie E. Cooke, Associate General Secretary of the World Council of Churches and Director of the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees; Dr. Glen N. Trimble; Dr. J. Quinter Miller, Dr. J. Robert Nelson; and Dr. Nils Ehrenstrom. *Opening address.

For further information, including costs, write to: Sam Hedrick, Director 745 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston 15, Massachusetts.

CHICAGO AREA

Time: August 12-16.

Place: University of Chicago and Garrett Biblical Institute, Northwestern University.

Leaders (*University of Chicago*): Bishop Lesslie Newbigin, Church of South India; Bishop A. W. Howells, Laos, Nigeria; Dr. Ernest A. Payne, Lecturer Comparative Religion, Missions, Oxford University, General Secretary Baptist Union Ireland and Wales, Vice-chairman WCC Central and Executive Committee; Dr. Kathleen Bliss, chairman of the Board of the Ecumenical Institute, Bossey, Switzerland, Staff Talk Department British Broadcasting Corporation, chairman, Section on Laity, Evanston Assembly.

Leaders (*Garrett Biblical Institute*): Dr. Martin Niemoeller, president of the Evangelical Church of Hesse-Nassau, Germany; Dr. J. Russell Chandran, principal of United Theological College, Bangalore, India; Dr. Elfan Rees, Wales, Commission of the Churches on International Affairs and Advisor, Service to Refugees, WCC; The Rev. Hans Reudi Weber, Switzerland, Executive Secretary, Department of the Laity, WCC.

On Wednesday, August 14, a mass ecumenical meeting is planned for Chicago Temple (Methodist).

Sponsored by 11 seminaries in the area.

For further information, including costs, write to:

Ecumenical Institutes
Chicago Theological Seminaries
5737 University Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois
or:
Ecumenical Institutes
Garrett Biblical Institute
Evanston, Illinois.

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

Time: August 26-30.

Place: Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Leaders: Dr. Leslie E. Cooke, Great Britain, Associate General Secretary of the World Council of Churches and Director of the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees; Dr. J. Russell Chandran, Principal of United Theological College, Bangalore, India; Dr. Martin Niemoeller, president of the Evangelical Church of Hesse-Nassau, Germany.

For further information, including costs, write to: Dean Merrimon Cunninggim, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

NEW YORK-PHILADELPHIA AREA

Time: July 22-26.

Place: Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey.

Leaders: Bishop Dibelius, Berlin, President of the World Council of Churches;* Dr. George K. A. Bell, Bishop of Chichester, Honorary President of the World Council of Churches;* Dr. Andrew Thakur Das, Executive Secretary of the West Pakiston Christian Council and pastor of Naulakha Church, Lahore;* Dr. William Strang Tindal, Professor Christian Ethics and Practical Theology, New College, Edinburgh; The Rev. Colin Williams, Australia, Visiting at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois.

Sponsored by 9 seminaries.

For further information, including costs, write to: Ecumenical Institute, Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J.

*Evening addresses only.

CCU ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Council on Christian Unity will be held at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, at 12:00 noon on October 12.

At this time we hope to have a speaker from the new United Church of America to bring us an inside report on the Congregational-Christian and E & R merger, its implications and future prospects.

PETER AINSLIE LECTURE

The Peter Ainslie Memorial Lecture sponsored annually by the Council on Christian Unity was delivered this year by the Rev. Dr. J. B. Webb, Minister of Methodist Central Hall Johannesburg.

These lectures published and delivered annually at one of the South African universities commemorate Dr. Peter Ainslie one of our leading Disciple ecumenists.

Copies of Dr. Webb's lecture are available at the office of the Council on Christian Unity.

WORK CAMPS

More than a thousand young people from around the world are expected to participate in forty ecumenical work camps in twenty-six countries this summer. Projects range from road building to planting fruit trees or serving as attendants in a mental hospital. The camps are sponsored by the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches.

In Porkala, near Helsinki, Finland, campers will help resettle Finnish farmers who were evacuated when the area was given back to Finland by Russia in 1955.

Campers will work near Marseille from August 16 to September 15 improving the conditions of a camp where North Africans live.

In the U. S. campers will participate in a variety of projects. They will help construct El Calvario Neighborhood House, which serves a Mexican section in Los Angeles, California; build a second unit for conference center of a Negro boarding school at Keysville, Georgia; and finish a chapel for a Russian Orthodox camp center at Kerhonkson, New York.

They will serve as regular ward attendants in the State Mental Hospital at Allentown, Pa., a group will work with American Indians in the Cheyenne River Agency and do repair work on mission buildings at LaPlant, South Dakota. At a camp in Sitka, Alaska, three prefabricated homes will be erected for faculty members of Shelson Jackson Junior College.

Other projects are planned for Norway, French Cameroons, Hong Kong, Malaya, Japan, Portugal, Union of South Africa, Okinawa, Korea, Brazil, Italy, the Netherlands, Great Britain, Denmark, Germany, Mexico, and Austria.

Campers must be between nineteen and thirty years of age, able to do simple but often strenuous work and ready to adapt themselves to unfamiliar and sometimes difficult camp conditions. The groups—numbering from fifteen to twenty-five persons—are international, interracial and interconfessional. Among the volunteers this year will be at least two Hungarian refugees—theological students now in Austria waiting immigration.

PLAN OF UNION—A STUDY DOCUMENT

The July issue of the *Ecumenical Studies Series* of the Council on Christian Unity will be devoted to the *Plan of Union* for a United Church (Greenwich Plan).

In addition to the printed text of the draft Plan, this special issue will carry articles and commentaries by Disciples leaders: Dr. C. C. Morrison, Prof. William Baird, Rev. W. J. Jarman, Dean John McCaw, Dr. Spencer Austin, and Dr. Robert Tobias.

Copies of the special issue will be available to non-members of the Council at cost.

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

By decision of the Executive Committee in session March 12, four categories of membership have been established and regular annual membership dues raised to $3.00 effective July 1, 1957.

1. Annual Member .....$ 3.00
2. Annual Contributing Member 10.00
3. Annual Sustaining Member.. 50.00
4. Annual Patron Member..... 500.00

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Membership Application:

Being in sympathy with the purposes of the Council on Christian Unity and desiring to further its work by active participation in its program and witness, I hereby apply for membership in the Council and enclose $3.00 for membership dues for the year 1957-1958:

Signature: .....

Address: .....

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Date: .....

Mail to
COUNCIL ON CHRISTIAN UNITY
222 S. Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana

AROUND THE WORLD

Australia

Principal E. L. Williams of the Federal College of the Bible has just finished the manuscript for his book on Christian union, which will appear probably under the title of "The Pathway to Unity." This publication is expected to fill a long-felt need in Australia among thinking brethren of the Restoration Movement and among Christians generally who are ecumenically minded.

Anglican—Presbyterian—Episcopal Report:

The Convocations of Canterbury and York voted to postpone until after next year's Lambeth Conference discussion of a report proposing a system of Presbyterian bishops and Episcopal lay elders. Meanwhile, the Convocations commended the report to the churches for study.

The report, issued late in April, was drafted as a result of conversations between representatives of the Church of England, the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian), the Presbyterian Church of England and the Episcopal Church in Scotland. It made various suggestions looking towards closer relations between the two groups.

Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, stated in a foreword to the report that so far as the Church of England was concerned it would be desirable to place the document before the Lambeth Conference.

He said the report should be considered at Lambeth, along with other aspects of interchurch relations, before the Convocations of Canterbury and York are asked to debate it. (RNS)

Yugoslavia—Reformed and Orthodox Share

In Backa Topola the Reformed church needed a place to hold their worship services; the Orthodox priest needed a place to hold his services in Feketic'. The Reformed church offered their church building in Feketic'; in return the Orthodox priest put at the disposal of the Reformed church a room in the Orthodox church in Topola. Writing in the *Newsletter* from the Reformed Churches in Yugoslavia Bishop Agoston Sandor stated: "We hope that others will also follow this example and we shall get nearer to the true meaning of our Lord's priest's prayer 'that they may all be one' (John 17)."

New Zealand

In an unprecedented demonstration of Protestant Christian Unity in New Zealand the national assemblies of the Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregationalists and Disciples (Churches of Christ in New Zealand) met in Auckland in united acts of Communion and witness.

A part of the movement toward union of the four groups in New Zealand, the gathering which met first for Communion in three different buildings and then held a mass meeting in the City Hall, pledged "to seek closer cooperation together in a new relationship with each other and to look for all opportunities to express the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Canada

The congregation of the Disciples of Christ in Owen Sound, Ontario, has entered the United Church of Canada.

At a ceremony in which Grey Presbytery of the United Church officially accepted into its fellowship members of the Church of Christ (Disciples), Malcolm McLeod, teacher in Cochrane, Ontario, gave a statement concerning the history and beliefs of the Disciples of Christ.

Response to Evanston

"Response to Evanston," a survey of comments sent to the World Council of Churches by the member churches on the Report of the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches held at Evanston, Illinois, in August 1954, is available through the World Council of Churches, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, at 45c per copy.

Presbyterian U. S. A. and United Presbyterian

The 169th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. unanimously endorsed a proposed Plan of Union with the United Presbyterian of North America.

Spontaneously the 885 commissioners (delegates) rose to their feet and sang in succession "The Doxology," "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" and "The Church's One Foundation."

The merger proposal received initial approval by the 168th General Assembly last year. It was then sent down to the Church's 250 presbyteries for their endorsement.

The Assembly's vote was the Church's final ratification of the proposal.

The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church will act on the merger when it meets in New Concord, Ohio, June 12-17. Of the sixty-two of its sixty-five presbyteries which reported on voting results, 42 favored merger, 19 were opposed, and one took no action.

Addressing the General Assembly of the Presbyterian U. S. A., Dr. Robert W. Gibson, moderator of the United Church, said he "confidently expected" that his General Assembly would "take favorable action" on the plan. (RNS)

Ecumenical Contest

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prize is 1,000 Swiss francs, (approx. $235), second prize 500 Swiss francs (approx. $120) and third prize 250 Swiss francs (approx. $60). Essays should go to the Scholarship Committee, World Council of Churches, 17 Route de Malagnou, Geneva, Switzerland.

The Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies at Bossey, Switzerland, will collaborate with the Scholarship Committee in judging the contest. E.P.S. Geneva.

BARNES ACCEPTS WORLD COUNCIL POST

New York—W.C.C.: Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, associate general secretary of the National Council of Churches, was elected executive secretary of the U. S. Conference for the World Council of Churches effective January 1.

The World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland, at the February meeting of its executive committee voted to ask Dr. Barnes to be the Council's chief executive in the United States. In a meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., May 9, 150 churchmen representing thirty-two major U. S. denominations confirmed the election.

Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, the retiring secretary, has held the position since 1954, and is a former general secretary of the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Barnes, considered one of the nation's outstanding church leaders, has been the National Council of Churches' associate general secretary for the past four years. In this key post with the NCC he has been particularly concerned with the relation of the churches to public affairs and has had staff responsibility for the Council's relations with governmental agencies.

"The World Council of Churches is fortunate to secure the services of Dr. Barnes. He has had a long and distinguished ministry in the ecumenical movement. He will bring to the new position a wide knowledge, keen intellectual gifts, and a deep unselfish personal consecration," said Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, chairman of the U. S. Conference and one of the World Council's six presidents. Bishop Sherrill is presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Dr. Barnes has long been active in the cooperative movement of the churches on the national and international level. He has played an important role in the formation and present program of the World Council of Churches.

CONCEPT OF UNITY—EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCHES

The general council of administration of the Evangelical United Brethren Church has set forth an official EUB concept of the world-wide nature of the Church.

"The Evangelical United Brethren Church conceives ecumenicity to be that spiritual attitude which reflects a deep consciousness of the fundamental oneness of the Church of Jesus Christ. The Church is the Body of Christ. There is only one Body, one undivided Church, composed of all true believers through all the ages. Ecumenicity is a gift of God, and not the achievement of men or institutions. Ecumenicity is advanced when the Church is one with Christ in his redemptive mission to all mankind.

"Ecumenicity implies far more than world-wide denominationalism or confessionalism. It embodies the basic unity of the Church and its mission in the world. It transcends nationality and race, denominations and ecclesiastical patterns, social status and cultural forms. It seeks to attain the Apostolic ideal of 'one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and father of us all' (Eph. 4:5), expressing the reality of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

"We rejoice that the ecumenical spirit has given birth to certain world-wide organizations such as the International Missionary Council and the World Council of Churches. Yet it must be recognized that ecumenicity entails more than organizations or the mutual acceptance of historic doctrine, orders and administrations.

"As Christ who created the Church and indwells it as its Living and only Lord, so the oneness of his people bears witness to his Lordship. They are one with us who are one with him; and through his redemptive work men are made one with him. To Jesus Christ, not as the possession of Churches, or the sign of their authenticity, but to him as the Saviour of the world we owe our allegiance and our unity.

"Ecumenicity is God's gift, but it is a gift accompanied by a commission. To claim ecumenicity is to bear the divine constraint to declare God and his power to all mankind through Jesus Christ. No concept of ecumenicity which is not filled to overflowing with the vitality of the Christian witness is authentic. Ecumenicity must not be isolated from the missionary and evangelistic context in which it belongs. The Christian Oikoumene has the right to call itself by the name only if it remembers that it exists to be the 'salt of the earth.'"

ECUMENICAL ESSAY CONTEST

An Ecumenical Essay Award has been announced by the Scholarship Committee of the World Council of Churches. Young pastors and missionaries are eligible for the competition.

The competition aims to "encourage younger clergymen to study the central biblical and theological issues under ecumenical discussion" and to make the best results of their study available to all.

Essays are to be submitted on the theme: "The biblical view of the relation between the mission of the church and its unity, and the implication of this view for the ecumenical movement."

Rules of the competition call for essays of at least 10,000 words and not more than 15,000 words, submitted by clergymen, 40 or under, who are doing fulltime pastoral or missionary work. Essays may be in French, German or English, the official languages of the WCC. Deadline for the contest is October 31 and the results will be announced by December 15. First

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